the rates of exchange for conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or vice-versa for purposes of assessment of imports.

(2) S.O. No. 471(E), dated the 27th June, 1994, laying down the rates of exchange for conversion of certain foreign currenmies into Indian currency or vice-versa for purposes of assessment of export.

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(3) G.S.R. No. 482(E), dated the 1st June, 1994, regarding substitution of four items deemed to be imported under section 75 of the Customs Act, 1962.

(4) G.S.R. No. 525(E), dated the 22nd June, 1994, regarding provision for duty free import of capital goods, raw materials and other items as specified in the notification for carrying out repairs reconditioning and re-engineering of goods for exports subject to specified conditions.

5. G.S.R. No. 526(E), dated the 22nd June, 1994 for replacing and superseding seven customs notifications which provide or exemptions from levy of customs duties in respect of units located in the Export Processing Zones|Free Trade Zone.

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II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Deparment of Revenue) Notification S.O. No. 369(E), dated the 12th May, 1994 publishing the Income tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1994, under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

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III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs Notification S.O. No. 487(E) dated the 30th June, 1994, constituting of the Tenth Finance Commission under article 280 of the Constitution of India.

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Statements showing action taken by Government on the various assurances, Promises and undertakings given during the session.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Madam, to lay on the Table the following statements (in English and Hindi) showing the action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Sessions shown against each:-

(1) Statement No. XXXIV — Hundred and Thirty Fifth Session, 1985.

(2) Statement No. XXXIV — Hundred and Forty Third Session, 1987.

(3) Statement No. XXXVIII — Hundred and Forty Fourth Session, 1987.

(4) Statement No. XXVIII — Hundred and Fifty Third Session, 1990.

(5) Statement No. XXV — Hundred and Fifty Fifth Session, 1990.

(6) Statement No. XXXIII — Hundred and Fifty Sixth Session, 1990.

(7) Statement No. XXXIII — Hundred and Fifty Seventh Session, 1991.

(8) Statement No. XXI — Hundred and Fifty Ninth Session, 1991.

(9) Statement No. XVIII — Hundred and Sixty First Session, 1991.

(10) Statement No. XVI — Hundred and Sixty Second Session, 1992.

(11) Statement No. XV — Hundred and Sixty Third Session, 1992.

(12) Statement No. XIV — Hundred and Sixty Fourth Session, 1992.

(13) Statement No. XI — Hundred and Sixty Fifth Session, 1992.

(14) Statement No. X — Hundred and Sixty Sixth Session, 1993.

(14) Statement No. VIII — Hundred and Sixty Seventh Session, 1993.

(16) Statement No. VI — Hundred and Sixty Eighth Session, 1993.

(17) Statement No. IV — Hundred and Sixty Ninth Session, 1993.

(18) Statement No. III — Hundred and Seventieth Session, 1994.

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The Deputy Chairman in the Chair

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Rameshwar Thakur.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH (Maharashtra): Madam, I am on a point of order.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): The Minister is not here. (*Interruptions*) He is now walking in.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: During the last session you had advised the Ministers and the Treasury Benches to lay the Action Taken Report well in time. Here we notice that 18 Reports are being laid on the Table of the House just now beginning from 1985. For nine years the Government had no time to inform this House about the action taken on various assurances, primises and undertakings. During the last session you had directed the Minister to explain to the House. Several hon. Members indicated that the House is being taken for granted and due respect is not being paid to the House.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Madam, Deputy Chairperson, this is not the way... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, he should satisfy the House.

उपसभापति : अगर आप लोग एक मिनट बैठेंगे तो मैं पूछूंगी न।

The complaint of the hon. Member is that you are laying on the Table of the House 18 papers together from 1985 to 1994. They want to know why there is so much delay.

यह लेट क्यों हुआ रखने में।

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Actually, rigorous steps have been taken to liquidate all the pending assurances. The Ministry had approached the Committee on Government Assurances and also the Rajya Sabha

for grant of extension of time. From time to time various Ministries have taken permission. The main reason for pendency is that several matters are under consideration of the Central Government and also that the information has to be collected from the States and Union Territories. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If one person speaks, I think it is enough to get the answer. If ten people ask questions, the same answer may come. So, let me first get the answer. Then you may give your opinion. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: When the assurances are given, the Central Government, the concerned Ministries as well as the State Governments collect the information. Collecting information from the State Governments takes time. There is already an Assurances Committee. When we get the material, immediately we place it before the House.

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (Delhi): But the question is why it has taken nine years.

मैडम, यह 1985 की रिपोर्ट... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : मैंने आपको रिक्वेस्ट करी थी कि अगर एक... (व्यवधान)

Did you hear what he says?

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: No.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is the reason why I say if we work in a peaceful atmosphere, you will get the answer. What he says is that these reports are about the Assurances Committee and these matters, according to him, are relating to the State Governments. As and when they get the Report of the Assurances Committee to the Government action taken on those reports he gets it lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Madam, does it require that this House should accept this point? Why has it taken nine years for the Government? He said the Central Government Ministries give their own information and the State Governments give their own information. Should it take nine years to do that? It indicates that any assurance given on the floor of the House is taken very lightly by any one, be it the Ministry or the Minister himhelf. There is no seriousness if it takes nine years or longer to submit action taken report? I think that the hon. Deputy Chairman should take care that the House is not taken for a ride in this manner, and due consideration is given. In the last session, when Members from all parties, both from the ruling party and from the Opposition parties, took up this issue, you were kind enough to direct the Minister not to delay these matters in this way. (*Interruptions*)..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a Committee on Papers Laid on the Table. They will take care of it as to what has happened. I do not know about it. What the Minister has said on the floor of the House, I have conveyed it to you. In two minutes, I cannot give my opinion. At least, let me go through the report and then I can tell you something... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: The Minister should come with a detailed statement about the reports and explain the reasons for the delay.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Salim, just now the Minister has read out the reasons for the delay. If you had heard him, then you would know about it.. (*Interruptions*) ....

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : सदर साहिबा, बहुत ही जनरल बात है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि जितनी डिलेज हैं, क्या वे सिर्फ इस बात से कसर्न्ड हैं कि दूसरी स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ने जवाब नहीं दिया ?

†شری سکندر بخت: صدر صاحبہ۔ بہت ہی جنرل بات ہے۔ میں جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ جتنی ڈیلیز ہیں کیا وہ صرف اس بات سے کنسرن ہیں کہ دوسری اسٹیٹ گورنمنٹس نے جواب نہیں دیا۔

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We should be very specific about it. Unfortunately, it is a more general sort of statement. In all the eighteen matters there was a lot of delay. They want to know about the reasons for this delay. This generalised statement will not do.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : आपका कहना यह है कि तमाम 18 केसेज में स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ने जवाब आपको देर से भेजा है।

†شری سکندر بخت: آپکا کہنا یہ ہے کہ تمام ۱۸ کیسز میں اسٹیٹ گورنمنٹس نے جواب آپکو دیر سے بھیجا ہے۔

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Madam, I have read about the various Central Government Ministries and the State Governments, and the reasons for the pendency. If we see... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Will you allow him to speak? The whole trouble is that you don't want to listen to what he is saying. Then, I cannot give my ruling on it.

SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: Out of 1,703 cases, only 111 cases were in pendency for the last six years. These are the old ones. In 1984 there was only one case. In 1985 there were only three cases. In 1986 also there were three cases. In 1987, 31 cases. In 1988, 27 cases. In 1989, 46 cases. The bulk of the reports pertain only to the last three or four years. In 1990, 106 cases, in 1991 140 cases, in 1992, 325 cases, 1993, 450 cases and 1994, 571 cases... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He was reading out the action taken on various assurances .. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, please allow us also. All of them are speaking.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will allow you. I will permit you.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Madam, item number three of today's Revised List of Business mentions the action taken by the Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given from 1985 onwards. Now he is laying the action taken reports.

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : मैडम, 1984 का एक बाकी था जो कम्प्लीट किया है।

We are reporting back to you. There was one case of 1984. There are four cases of 1985. These are the old ones which have not been cleared. We are reporting to you that this is the position now. There was only on case of 1984. The Government has taken action on it, it has not yet come to us. Only now it has come to us.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, this is not fair. There is a Committee on Government Assurances. They have asked for the reasons. Nobody is protecting any Government. How can each Member get up here and say whether the Committee was satisfied or not satisfied with the replies? What is all this? What is the Committee working for? The reasons for the delay and the action taken report are placed before the Committee. It is for the Committee to accept it or reject it. What is the point of spending another one hour on this matter?

†[Transliteration in Arabic Script.]

श्री सिकंदर बख्त : ऐश्योरेंस कमेटी का क्या सवाल है ? हाऊस में रखा गया है... (**व्यवधान**) बिल्कुल बेमानी बात है... (**व्यवधान**) क्या बात कर रहे हैं आप ?

شری سکندر بخت : ایشورنس کمیٹی کا
کیا سوال ہے ہاؤس میں رکھا گیا ہے...
مداخلت ... بالکل بے ایمانی بات ہے...
مداخلت ... کیا بات کر رہے ہیں آپ۔

They are misleading the House. ..(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, please don't get so agitated. Let us find out... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, I had met the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances. He is always chosen from the Opposition party. When an assurance has been given.. Madam, when a matter is taken up by the Assurances Committee and when the action-taken report is given and the Committee is satisfied, even the time-limit is extended by the Assurances Committee. When that is done by the Assurances Committee, I do not think there is any lapse on the part of the Government. It is a lapse on the part of the Assurances Committee. If I was the Chairman, if it happened in my tenure, I am responsible, not the Minister.

उपसभापति: मंत्री जी, अगर किसी वजह से कभी इस तरह की कोई रिपोर्ट आया करे, आप थोड़ा एक्सप्लेनेशन देकर ले करेंगे, तो यह कफ्यूजन नहीं होगा।

Just a minute. I know. If you just say why it happened, I am sure that Members would be satisfied. You read out later. It could have been done before. Next time, please do it. (*Interruptions*). Now, no questions. That matter is over. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Madam, are we going to accept what Mr. Jagesh Desai said? Do we accept his proposal that the lapse is not of the Government but of the Chairman, Assurances Committee?

उपसभापति : मि० अम्बेडकर, आप जरा स्थान ग्रहण करेंगे।

I have given a ruling before that when there is a delay in laying a paper on the Table, the Minister concerned should give whatever reasons are there for the delay . repeat the same ruling. We should know why there is a delay. If the Assurance Committee is satisfied, if the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table is satisfied, the House has a right to know about it. That is what I have told the Minister. In future he will do so or any other person doing it will do so.

Transliteration in Arabic Script.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Power Transmission System) Bill, 1994.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 1994? Very good. You are not late.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a messagee has been received from Shrimati Ila Panda stating that she is presently in the United States of America and undergoing a medical check-up and is, therefore, unable to attend the House during the current Session. She has, therefore, requested for the grant of leave of absence from all the sittings of the House during the current Session.